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PLAYTEX PRODUCTS, INC.

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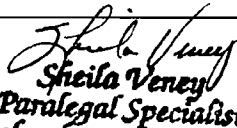
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC Please See Supplemental Sheet.		
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1.	This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2.	This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT). These annexes consist of a total of <u>0</u> sheets.
3.	This report contains indications relating to the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(Substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain*

☒ the international application as originally filed.

☒ the description, pages 1-12 , as originally filed.

pages NONE , filed with the demand.

pages NONE , filed with the letter of _____.

pages _____ , filed with the letter of _____.

☒ the claims, Nos. 1-17 , as originally filed.

Nos. NONE , as amended under Article 19.

Nos. NONE , filed with the demand.

Nos. NONE , filed with the letter of _____.

Nos. _____ , filed with the letter of _____.

☒ the drawings, sheets/~~fig~~ 1-7 , as originally filed.

sheets/~~fig~~ NONE , filed with the demand.

sheets/~~fig~~ NONE , filed with the letter of _____.

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2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☒ the description, pages NONE .

☒ the claims, Nos. NONE .

☒ the drawings, sheets/~~fig~~ NONE .

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the ~~Supplemental Box~~ Additional observations below (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

NONE

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-17</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-17</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-17</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

ClaimS 1-16 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Greenwood et al.

Greenwood et al. teach a vent disc for a drinking container having a dome portion 72 and a plurality of slit (figure 17), and depressions having conical shape as shown in figure 17.

Regarding the method claims 14-16, Greenwood et al. meet all claimed limitations with respect to the forming of the vent disc as claimed.

Claim 17 lacks novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Nauta et al. Nauta et al. teach an elastomeric cellular material being pierced by means of driving while the material is being hold on by the apparatus.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

NONE

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Supplemental Box

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CLASSIFICATION:

The International Patent Classification (IPC) and/or the National classification are as listed below:

IPC(6): A61J 9/04 ,9/00; F16K 15/4, B26D 7/06 and US Cl.: 215/11.5, 11.1; 137/845, 849; 425/290, 291; 83/21, 51, 117, 128